

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled, and claim 6 has been amended to place it in independent form, by incorporating the subject matter of claims 1 and 5, considering the fact that the Examiner has indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In incorporating the subject matter of claims 1 and 5 into claim 6, Applicants have used language which is responsive to the rejection of the claims under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Each of claims 4 and 7 has been amended to depend on claim 6.

The rejection of claims 1, 4-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has also been rendered moot, since this rejection does not include claim 6.

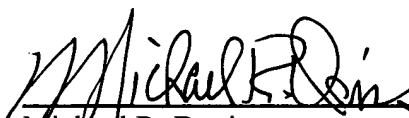
Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments should be entered, even though they are being presented after final rejection, since the effect of the amendments is to overcome the rejections. Entry of these amendments will not require any further consideration and/or search of the prior art, since the Examiner has already examined claim 6, which upon entry of the amendments will be the broadest claim remaining in the application.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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